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SUBJECT: BRANDT COMMISSION MEETING IN U.S., AUGUST 24-28

REF: (A) GENEVA 10128, (B) STATE 190665, (C) GENEVA 11481

1. DEPARTMENT HAS MADE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT TO
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U.S. AUGUST 24-28 OF FIVE FORMER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT (WILLY
BRANDT, EDWARD HEATH, PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE, OLOF PALME, AND
EDUARDO FREI MONTALVA) AND OTHER VIPS CONNECTED WITH THE
INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES
(BRANDT COMMISSION): ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF,
INCLUDING ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS AND BODY GUARDS IF
ANY, WILL BE DECLARED "DISTINGUISHED VISITORS" TO EXPEDITE

IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS FORMALITIES AT POINT OF ENTRY. EACH OF THE FIVE FORMER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WHO ENTER U.S. AT NEW YORK CITY WILL BE GREETED BY A PROTOCOL OFFICER REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT. REGARDING SECURITY, DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY BROUGHT THE MEETING TO THE ATTENTION OF NEW YORK STATE POLICE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND TARRYTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT (REF B).

2. IN KEEPING WITH THE UNOFFICIAL STATUS OF THE BRANDT COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS BY USG ARE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE. U.S.

MISSION GENEVA OR INFO ADDRESSEES MAY WISH, HOWEVER, TO RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL STEPS DEPARTMENT MIGHT TAKE WITH REGARD TO (A) THE COMMISSION ITSELF OR (B) ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHERE COMMISSION OBTAINED IMPRESSION (REPORTED REF C) THAT ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING LIMOUSINE SERVICE) SHOULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH DEPARTMENT. FRITZ FISCHER OF BRANDT'S PERSONAL STAFF IN BONN VISITED U.S. IN APRIL TO HELP ARRANGE THE AUGUST MEETING. DURING COURTESY CALL ON DEPARTMENT APRIL 25, HE STRESSED INDEPENDENT AND UNOFFICIAL STATUS OF THE COMMISSION AND REQUESTED NO OFFICIAL ASSISTANCE; NONE WAS OFFERED.

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4. IN ANY EVENT, LIMOUSINES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FROM USG; JFK AND OTHER U.S. AIRPORTS DO NOT HAVE VIP LOUNGES UNDER CONTROL OF USG. SUGGEST COMMISSION HIRE LIMOUSINES FROM PRIVATE LIVERY COMPANIES IN NEW YORK CITY AND REQUEST USE OF VIP LOUNGES MAINTAINED BY INDIVIDUAL AIRLINES. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE DIRECTLY FROM GENEVA OR THROUGH PRIVATE U.S. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH COMMISSION IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT. CERTAINLY THE TWO U.S. CITIZENS ON THE COMMISSION, KATHARINE GRAHAM, PUBLISHER OF THE WASHINGTON POST, AND PETER PETERSON, CHAIRMAN OF LEHMAN BROTHERS KUHN LOEB, OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST.

5. COMMISSION ADVANCE MAN, JAGGE ANDERSON, SHOULD CONTACT DEPOFF RICHARD RUDMAN (EB/IFD/ODF, 2026320958) ON ARRIVAL. AS REQUESTED REF B, ANDERSON OR OTHER COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE THREE POLICE DEPARTMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

6. FOR ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 ABOVE, DEPARTMENT WILL NEED ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION FOR EACH PERSON CONNECTED WITH THE COMMISSION VISIT. THIS DOES NOT RPT NOT NEED TO BE COMMUNICATED LONG IN ADVANCE AND CAN BE FURNISHED

AFTER ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE MAN, UNLESS OF COURSE ANY OF THE
VIPS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BEFORE HE DOES.

7. PLEASE ADVISE COMMISSION EXSEC OHLIN THAT EITHER UNDER
SECRETARY COOPER OR TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN,
BUT NOT BOTH OF THEM, WILL BE ABLE TO MEET WITH THE
COMMISSION ON AUGUST 25. WE WILL BE IN FURTHER TOUCH ONCE
A FINAL DECISION ON WHO WILL ATTEND HAS BEEN MADE. SPECIAL
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE STRAUSS HAS ALREADY INFORMED BRANDT
THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING. VANCE

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